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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry  
 Under 35 USC 371 from  
 the International Application of  
 FLOHR, Andreas  
 Int'l Application No. PCT/US99/20126  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

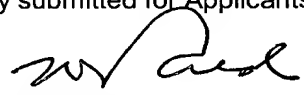
Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments **IN THE CLAIMS**:

- \* In each one of Claims 4 and 5 please replace the phrase "either Claim 2 or Claim 3" with --Claim 2--.
- \* In each one of Claims 6, 7, 8 and 9 please replace the phrase "any one of Claims 2-5" with --Claim 2--.
- \* In Claim 10 please replace the phrase "any one of the preceding Claims" with --Claim 1--.
- \* In each one of claims 15, 16 and 17 please replace the phrase "any one of Claims 12 - 14" with --Claim 12--.

The support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, *inter alia*, 37 CFR §1.75; no new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted for Applicants,

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